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**Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)
Emergency Operations Center
Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 8:52 p.m. EDT**

NOTE: New items are in **bold**.

State EOC Activation Level

The IDHS Emergency Operations Center remains activated at a Level 3 and will remain activated 24 hours to monitor conditions and provide resource support to local county emergency agencies.

****Governor Daniels has signed an executive order declaring a disaster emergency for Lake and Porter Counties.**

Description of Incident

The remnants of Hurricane Ike have accelerated rapidly and moved over Indiana. As much as 10 inches of rain has fallen and widespread flooding is being reported across northwest Indiana. Damage from strong straight line winds up to 80 mph have been reported in numerous counties damage across much of central and southern Indiana parts of the State. Widespread reports of trees and power lines down have also been received.

The following are reported major concerns for each category:

Weather Forecast

No significant rain is forecasted for the rest of the week.

Power Outages

As of 18:15 EDT 9/17/08, there are over 82,437 customers reported are still without power.

Note: Smaller utility companies are still conducting preliminary assessment outages and infrastructure damage, therefore the reported number of outages may fluctuate throughout the week.

Lake/River/Dam

The IMAT in cooperation with the USGS and USACE have identified a blockage in the Little Calumet River that is causing flooding in the Gary area, a response plan is being formulated at this time.

The Indiana University Northwest/Calumet campus has reported significant flooding in and surrounding the campus.

Transportation

Roads: www.in.gov/gov/3976.htm

Drinking Water

St. Joseph County has reported that their boil order has been lifted. Scott County reported a partial lift of their boil order; however the order is still in effect for Kent Water Company customers.

Food Service

The Red Cross is supporting six fixed feeding sites in Crawford County from noon to 7 pm until further notice:

**Leavenworth Senior Citizens Center, Leavenworth, IN
Patoka Elem School, Taswell, IN
Marengo Wesleyan Church, Marengo, IN
Milltown Fire Dept, Milltown, IN
English Fire Dept, English, IN
Alton Fire Dept, Alton, IN**

American Red Cross is supporting local faith based groups providing meals in Harrison County as needed with no shelters open.

Salvation Army feeding at SA building in New Albany, with no shelters open in Floyd County.

Public Health & Safety

Fatalities – 7 total confirmed 7 confirmed fatalities have been reported, Clark County - 1 person was killed after a tree fell onto their car in Union Township. Crawford County – 1 person was killed after a tree fell onto the person. Ohio County -1 person was killed when struck by a falling tree. Perry County – 1 fatality occurred when a tree fell on him. Porter County – 2 adults drowned while attempting to pull a child from a culvert. The child was pulled to safety. Ripley County - 1 adult killed in Versailles State Park by a falling tree.

Injuries - 19

Hospitals/Nursing Homes, etc. - All hospitals are reportedly running on their own power.

Shelters (# open in specific county)

3 Shelters in Lake County:
Calumet Twp. Center - 13
Boys and Girls Club - 91
Munster High School - 45
Total Reported Shelter Population: 149

The latest reports received from the American Red Cross (ARC) indicate the daytime shelter average is 1 person and the night time average is approximately 150 persons. Residents are utilizing shelter resources intermittently as they need.
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Law Enforcement

Indiana State Police continue to patrol in Crawford County during nighttime hours.

Environmental

Downed power lines, storm debris, fallen trees and high water continue to be a threat to the public and response personnel.

Oil sheens have been reported in Gary and Munster. IDEM inspections revealed no oil present.

Animals Care (BOAH)

No major animal concerns have been reported to the Board of Animal health in the past 24 hours.

Resources – shortages

Generators, although in short supply, are being transferred from other locations as power is restored.

Other State Agency Notes

Department of Corrections inmate work crews are assisting with sandbagging. Fifty additional inmate trustees will be deployed to Lake County tomorrow, 9/18/09.

At approx. Harrison County reported a propane tanker roll-over. IDHS HAZMAT assistance was requested.

DNR sawyers are assisting in debris removal in Crawford County.

Agencies Active in State Response Operations (list only)

State Agencies:

State EOC activated at a Level III

- Incident Management Team (IMAT) - Indiana Department of Homeland Security,
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Indiana State Police.
- Indiana Department of Correction
- Indiana Department of Transportation - 180
- Indiana National Guard
- Indiana State Police - 38
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources

-Indiana Department of Homeland Security

Federal Agencies:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)

United States Geological Survey (USGS)

Non-Government Agencies:

American Red Cross (ARC)

Other concerns and information specific to an Indiana region

NORTHWEST – major issues below

Lake County - Northwest Indiana University campus has flooding and in the surrounded area.

Evacuations are ongoing as the need arises.

Little Calumet River. Hammond, will remain above flood stage. Sections of the river will rise as storm water systems drain into river. The Indiana Toll road will suspend tolls from Portage west to the Illinois/Indiana state line to help alleviate traffic congestion.

Calumet Humane Society - There are some animal rescue issues in Munster. Cannot get into the flooded area because of utility issues, but will be picking up animals as soon as they are allowed.

Hobart Police Department flooded (Lake Co)

Newton County - The Kankakee River at Shelby has crested at 13.06 feet which is a record flood stage. The initial reports of a levee breach at Sumava Resorts has been investigated and found to be inaccurate. The flooding at that location was a result of a pipe break.

NORTH CENTRAL - no recent storm related incidents reported

NORTHEAST – no recent storm related incidents reported

WEST CENTRAL- no recent storm related incidents reported

CENTRAL - no recent storm related incidents reported

EAST CENTRAL - no recent storm related incidents reported

SOUTHWEST - no recent storm related incidents reported

SOUTH CENTRAL – major issue below

Brown County - Brown Co. Office and Law Enforcement Center closed at 2:30 p.m. due to lack of running water.

Clark County - 40% of new watch doesn't have power. 30,000 to 40,000 without power. Two shelters, one in Charlestown. A water facility is down. Gas will become an issue.

Wellstone Regional Hospital in Clark County is operating on generator power.

Crawford County - Several facilities are running on generator back-up. A couple of towns have come up. All water systems but one is down. One vendor served 600 meals. Red Cross is setting up in Leavenworth. The complete 365 exchange is completely without telephone service. Indiana State Police continue to patrol Crawford County has requested Indiana State Police to provide night patrols. The Crawford County EMA reported that a elementary school is setting up food operations. Numerous counties in District 10 are assisting Crawford County by providing generators, food, equipment, and manpower. Additional police patrols will be providing security at the 4H fairgrounds when the water distribution begins.

Floyd County - Need generators for two water facilities. Need ice. Seven families in hotels.

Harrison County - At approx. 1115 hrs, reporting a propane tanker roll-over. IDHS HAZMAT assistance was requested.

Jefferson County - Waiting for Duke, 70% out of power. Under a boil water order. Scott: have a boil advisory on the east side of the county. Eastern part of the county has no 911 or cells service. 6 special needs folks were taking special needs personnel to New Albany.

Jennings County - 80% without power and earliest restoration is Saturday. Needing water for two townships, Lovett and Marion. School maintenance. Running low on fuel in the county and starting to ration fuel. Have temporary shelter and may need to have it go to a full shelter facility. The Jennings County EMA offices has been damaged and continue to be deemed unsafe by local officials. The IDHS Mobile Command Trailer has been deployed to Jennings County as a temporary site for the EMA. Switzerland: Two to three days before power is up at Vevay. Trying to get courthouse back up and running. Fuel is an issue.

Monroe County - several thousand without power. Several fire departments are without power and are working with Red Cross.

SOUTHEAST A fuel supply shortage in the counties bordering Louisville and Cincinnati.

Dearborn County - 4,000 to 5,000 still without power and may not be restored until Friday and Saturday. Most of gas stations have ran out of fuel. Distributor has also ran out of fuel.

Decatur County - Both RMCs hope to have power back up on Wed.

Ripley County - Couple of smaller towns still without power.

Ohio County - Half is still out with power and won't be in the county until 1300 today. Water supply is fine.